

For at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection now be withdrawn.

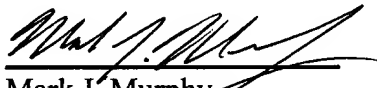
III. Conclusion

For at least the above-stated reasons, the claimed invention is patentable over the cited references and should now be allowed.

If any fee is due for this response, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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